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JUNE BIRTHSTONES

Pearl, Alexandrite, and Moonstone



June counts three gems as birthstones, pearl, Alexandrite, and moonstone.

Pearl

Historically, pearls have been used as an adornment for centuries. They were one of the favorite gem materials of the Roman Empire; later in Tudor England, the 1500s were known as the pearl age. Pearls are unique as they are the only gems from living sea creatures and require no faceting or polishing to reveal their natural beauty. In the early 1900s, the first successful commercial culturing of round saltwater pearls began. Since the 1920s, cultured pearls have almost completely replaced natural pearls in the market.

Alexandrite

A relatively modern gem, Alexandrite, was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II, and is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light; it changes color to a purplish red in incandescent light. Due to its rarity, some jewelers stock synthetic versions of this enchanting gemstone. (Synthetic gemstones are man-made alternatives to the natural material, possessing the same physical, optical, and chemical properties as the natural gemstone.)

Moonstone

The third birthstone for June is the Moonstone. It was given its name by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's appearance altered with the phases of the moon — a belief that held until well after the sixteenth century. A phenomenal gemstone, moonstones show a floating play of light (called adularescence) and sometimes show either a multirayed star or a cat's eye. Considered a sacred stone in India, moonstones often are displayed on a background of yellow (a sacred color) and are believed to encapsulate within the stone a spirit whose purpose is to bring good fortune. Part of the family of minerals called feldspar, moonstone occurs in many igneous and metamorphic rocks and comes in a variety of colors such as green, blue, peach, and champagne. The most prized moonstones are from Sri Lanka; India, Australia, the United States, Myanmar, and Madagascar are also sources.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Norbert Bernhardt

Hello Searchers!

What a show! I want to thank all of you that helped make our annual gem show a great success. Our show was quite exciting for our membership and 30 more were impressed enough to join our club right there and then! Thanks Beth and Robert for all your hard work.

News Alert! Beth and Robert have volunteered to be our 2011 Show Chairpersons! Thank you Beth and Robert!

I want to thank Pat Lynch and John O'Connor for volunteering at the Searcher's Booth at the Anaheim Children's Festival. Many kids came home with beautiful gemstone rings!

So, it's on to the extended field trip this July. Steve Duncan has come up with great locations with a variety of materials to be found. Join us for all or part of the trip!
Thanks Steve for all your efforts in planning this up-coming adventure!

Plan to attend the Searchers picnic on August 15! It should be really fun.
Keith Droste will have more information on location and activities!

See you all at the June meeting!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Check our website for unexpected changes in schedule! www.searchersrocks.org

- General Meetings:** 7 PM, 2nd Tuesday of each month, Jan - Nov
- Board Meetings:** 7PM, 3rd Thursday of each month, Jan - Nov
- Workshop:** Thursday, 6 – 10 PM, free wire-wrap class.
Saturday, 3 – 7 PM Free silver-smithing class 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays (schedule varies).
- Location:** Anaheim Downtown Community Center
250 East Center St.
Anaheim, CA 92805
- Mailing Address:** Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
P.O Box 3492
Anaheim, CA 92803
- Website:** www.searchersrocks.org
- Membership Dues:** Individual \$25
Couple \$35
Junior (17 & under) \$10
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FIELD TRIPS

DATE	LEADER	LOCATION & MATERIAL	STATUS
July	Steve Duncan		See details below

For a more complete listing of shows go to website: www.cfmsinc.org
 Also see www.motherlodemineralsociety.com/events.html.

Other websites of interest:

- www.firemountaingems.com
- www.southsunproducts.com
- www.pioneergem.com

- www.route66goldminers.org
- www.auctionmasters.com

MEETINGS

Our June meeting will feature Conrad Grundke speaking on "The History of Intarsia/Comesso." I have switched Adam Dean's July program on agates to Sept. since many of our members are going to be out of town. Subject for the July meeting has not been determined. Our August meeting will be another wonderful silent auction. Keith Droste 1st VP.

UPCOMING CFMS GEM SHOWS

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|--------------------|---|
| Jun 4 -6 | Woodland Hills, CA
Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society
Pierce College, 6201 Winnetka Ave. Woodland Hills
Hours: 9 - 5 daily |
| Jun 5 - 6 | Glendora, CA
Glendora Gems
Goddard Middle School, 859 East Sierra Madre
Hours: Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4 |
| Jun 18 - 20 | La Habra, CA
AFMS/CFMS Show and Convention |

Hosted by North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society
 So. CA University of Health Science campus
 16200 E. Amber Valley Rd., Whittier, CA
 Hours: 10 - 5 daily

MAY FIEL TRIP REPORT

by Steve Duncan

It seemed like there weren't as many folks on the May field trip, but when I actually counted there were 21 people between Saturday and Sunday, which isn't too bad. The fact that Sunday was Mother's Day probably didn't help. 17 of the folks that participated were Searchers, and 4 more folks were from the Oxnard Gem and Mineral club.

Anyhow, we had a great material. Saturday we south Cady's for jasper Lavic Siding for more never seem to stop we did some hard rock agate, and found another mountains for next time. about 2 feet of rock is a Sunday we went to there for a while. It is lots and lots of agate and



time, and found some good went to two places in the and agates, and then went to Lavic jasper. The Cady's just offering up some surprises, as excavating of some buried seam up higher in the This new seam being under bit daunting.

Hector hills, we haven't been still as I remembered it, with opalite. The problem is much

of the material is not so nice, so the real job here is to be able to find the good pieces of agate in the midst of all the rest. Everyone succeeded, and all went home with interesting material.

In addition to rock hounding we had our usual potluck. The wind was blowing quite hard, which we really didn't deserve after being blown out of the saddle at Baxter Wash a couple of trips ago. But we managed to have a good potluck, and then the Oxnard crew showed their ingenuity by constructing a chimney from rocks lying around camp. This was an open top dome, with an arched opening down low to feed wood through. With this fine creation we were able to enjoy a campfire even as the wind continued to blow hard. Very nice.

We also had some wildlife experiences, with Leah finding the rattlesnake sitting peacefully in the shade of a bush, and Jimmy finding the mostly complete skeleton of a big horn sheep.

All and all a good trip to end up the 1st half of the year's field trips. . Trips will restart in Sept when it thinks about cooling off. Hopefully you are all aware of the long range trip this summer (the itinerary is on the website) , and are thinking of joining us for some or all of it. If you do plan to join the trip please contact me (email is best, wsd@iteris.com). This way we can plan meeting locations etc.

One last thing, we are always looking for good field trip locations. If you have any ideas for where we should go email me with the location, I will compile all the locations, and we'll see what we can do about getting another good round of field trips. So please let me know which locations you would like to see us go to, either old favorites, or new sites. Just to get you thinking here are some current ideas from recent trips:

- Lavic Siding/South Cady's
- Baxter Wash
- Chuckwalla Mountains
- Burro Creek AZ

Earp CA agate
 Clear Creek (still closed off, but this could change)Afton Canyon
 Acton Canyon
 The old copper mine above Stateline
 Ocean View mine (Tourmaline)
 The Beach above Santa Barbara (agatized whale bone)
 Wiley's Well

Please send your ideas, the more the merrier.



THE SEARCHERS SUMMER TRIP 2010 PLAN

by Steve Duncan

The Searchers are running a long range trip to No Cal, Oregon, Idaho, and Utah. I (Steve Duncan 714 724 7102 cell) plan to be there for the entire trip, other field trip leaders (Jimmy Peterson, 714 904 8573 cell; Norbert Bernhardt, 714 904 2181 cell) will be there for parts of the trip. We expect other members to join for various sections of the trip; I have even heard rumors of others who may want to do the whole thing. I plan to do a combination of hotels and camping, again this will be up to the individual members. I have tried to offer camping location info at all sites.

If you plan to join us please let me know. This is a rather big adventure, you will need to be self reliant. Together we will take care of each other, but anytime you are alone (on the way up, on the way back, while collecting at a "special" spot, etc) you will obviously need to be taking care of yourselves. If you have trouble meeting up with us, don't panic, try to meet us at the next place. We will do our best to maintain this schedule. Cell phone contact is a bit intermittent in some areas; if you can't reach us leave a message.

We hope you do decide to join us, we expect this trip to be excellent, and expect to collect some good material. Glass Buttes, and the Graveyard point/Succor Creek areas are famous for fine material. And we always have fun.

If you have any questions or see some inconsistencies with this plan please call me at 714 724 7102. Also please call me if you are planning on joining us, so we can talk about your plans.

THURSDAY JULY 8

Depart Orange County for Bodega Bay. Collect agate and jasper at Little Pinoche Rd (I5 and little Panoche Rd), for a couple of hours to break up the drive.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=111880497514173150944.0004802cb9822f9190ce5&ll=36.633162,-120.64074&spn=0.018115,0.038581&z=15>

At Bodega bay I plan to hotel it but camping information follows:

WESTSIDE COUNTY PARK

(707) 875-3540.

2400 Westshore Rd, Bodega Bay CA 94923.

At Bodega Head in Bodega Bay, W on East Shore Road off Hwy 1, right on Bay Flat Road. 47 RV/Tent sites, 1 of which is the host (non reservable), 7 sites are First Come First Served.

Wright's Beach

There are 27 developed campsites located adjacent to the beach. There are no showers, but campers may use the hot showers at nearby Bodega Dunes Campground. Maximum trailer length is 27', no hook-ups are available. Each site has picnic tables, fire rings and paved parking spurs. Running water and flush toilets are nearby. When the campground is filled, the overflow area in the Wright's Beach Picnic Area may be used for self-contained vehicles. This area is along the roadway adjacent to the kiosk. *Reservations are recommended, especially on the weekends and during the peak season.*

FRIDAY JULY 9

Drive Hwy 1 to Fortuna CA. Collect Jasper on the Van Duzen river, in the Swimmers Delight area, accessed by Highway 36. I plan to motel in the Fortuna area, but camping info:

CALIFORNIA CAMPGROUNDS: RIVERWALK RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

The Northcoast's finest RV park & Campground lies nestled by the side of the beautiful Eel River. Stands of picturesque giant Sequoia Redwoods fill the surrounding hillsides. Immaculately maintained grounds & facilities add to the beauty & relaxed atmosphere of our park. The friendly management & staff help to make this a perfect base to visit the surrounding areas of The Redwood Coast.

[Riverwalk RV Park & Campground Campground Web Site](#)

Riverwalk RV Park & Campground Driving Direction GPS Coordinates:

Decimal: 40.577466, -124.152617

Degrees: 40° 34' 38", -124° 9' 9"

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The BLM maintains six campgrounds. All areas have tables, grills and toilets. Water is available at all campgrounds except for Horse Mountain, Honeydew Creek (stream water), and Tolkan. Fees range from \$5 to \$8. Group camping is allowed (by reservation) at Nadelos Campground. Private camping areas with showers, hookups and other amenities are found in Shelter Cove, Redway–Garberville and Ferndale–Fortuna.

SATURDAY JULY 10

Drive to Coos Bay Oregon. On the way visit the giant fern forest in Fern Canyon in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. Above Coos Bay collect beach agate and petrified myrtle wood (?) at Whiskey Run and maybe 7 Devils. I plan to hotel in Coos Bay. Camping info:

SUNSET BAY STATE PARK

[Current conditions and forecast](#)

Situated in one of the most scenic areas on the Oregon coast, Sunset Bay State Park features beautiful sandy beaches protected by towering sea cliffs. Only a short walk from the beach, the campground has sites for tent camping and RV's, as well as cozy and comfortable yurts. Day-use and picnic facilities are located along the bay to allow easy access for beachcombing, fishing, swimming, and boating.

Vital stats

29 full hookup, 34 electrical, 66 tent (maximum site 47 feet); 8 yurts; group tent (2 areas), seasonal opening May 16, 2009; hiker/biker camp. For information only, call (541) 888-4902 or (800) 551-6949. To make reservations, call 1-800-452-5687.

Park rates (subject to rate changes; winter, emergency or other closures)

<i>May 1 to September 30</i>	<i>October 1 to April 30 (Discovery Season)</i>
Full rate: \$24	Full rate: \$20
Electrical/Water hookup: \$24	Electrical/Water hookup: \$20
Tent site: \$19	Tent site: \$15
Hiker/Biker: \$5	Hiker/Biker: \$5
Yurt: \$36	Yurt: \$36
Extra vehicle: \$5	Extra vehicle: \$5
Group (tent): \$71	Group (tent): \$51

Kelleys RV Park

555 S Empire Blvd, Coos Bay OR 97420, ☎ [541-888-6531](tel:541-888-6531)

Lucky Loggers RV Park

250 E Johnson Ave, Coos Bay OR 97420, ☎ [541-267-6003](tel:541-267-6003)

Plainview Motel and RV Park

2760 Cape Arago Hwy, Coos Bay OR 97420, ☎ [541-888-5166](tel:541-888-5166)

Sandbar Mobile and RV Park

404 Sandstone Ln, Coos Bay OR 97420, ☎ [541-888-3179](tel:541-888-3179)

SUNDAY JULY 11

Drive to Maury Mountain (near Prineville, Or). Collect moss agate.

8. MAURY MOUNTAIN MOSS AGATE Take Post-Paulina Hwy 380 to MP 33. Turn right across bridge to Road 16. Continue up hill to National Forest—about 5 miles. Turn right on Road 1680 for about 2 miles, then right on 1690. Bear right and go down hill to diggings. Mostly very tough hard-rock digging—bars, chisels, hammers. *A great view over the valley!*

We will meet Jimmy here, he will have arrived earlier (probably Friday the 9th). Jimmy originally is going to camp at the Prineville Reservoir State Park. He may remain at the reservoir for the duration of his time in the Prineville area, or move camp to Maury Mt depending on road conditions. I plan to camp wherever Jimmy is camped. Jimmy will stay in the Prineville area until the 14th, when he will meet the group at Glass Buttes. Fellow Searchers are welcome to join Jimmy during his Prineville rockhounding.

MONDAY JULY 12

Drive to Richardson's Rock Ranch, collect agate and thunder eggs.

Richardson's is located 11 miles north of Madras, Oregon. Simply take U.S. Highway 97 north from Madras--or south from Willowdale--until you see Mile Post 81 and the Richardson's sign. Follow the signs in for about three miles and you'll be at the shop!

Richardson Agate Co. LLC
6683 NE Haycreek Rd.
Madras, Oregon 97741
Voice: (541) 475-2680
or: (800) 433-2680
(No calls after 5:00 PM PST)
Fax: (541) 475-4299
E-mail: richardsonranch@bendnet.com

This is a pay site, you will pay by the pound (\$1) for what you take. A five gallon bucket weighs about 50 lbs. It has been said that more thunder eggs have been taken out of here than anywhere else in the world. In the evening I will drive to Burns, heading towards the sunstone area. I will stay in a hotel in Burns. Camping info near Burns:

Campground	Location	Type	Rating
<u>Malheur National Forest (Idlewild Campground)</u>	BURNS, OR	RV Park	
<u>R & L RV & MHP</u>	BURNS, OR	RV Park	
<u>The Timbers Inn & RV Park</u>	SENECA, OR	RV Park	
<u>Village RV Park</u>	BURNS, OR	RV Park	

Jimmy will stay and collect in the Prineville area, and meeting the group later at Glass Buttes. If you are not interested in the sunstones you could always buddy up with him for some more Prineville area collecting. We will all meet up again on Wednesday evening at Glass Buttes.

TUESDAY JULY 13

Drive to the Dust Devil mine, and meet Norbert, who will have arrived previously in Lakeview, Oregon on Sun. July 11.

**Dust Devil Mine
From Lakeview**

Drive north on Hwy 395 about 6 miles. Turn right on Hwy 140. This intersection is well marked for the Warner Mt. Ski area and Adel. Drive 16 miles east on Hwy 140, then turn left on CR 3-13 toward Plush. This intersection is well marked for Plush. After driving 18 miles, you will enter Plush, where you should top off your fuel tank and pick up ice, beverages, and snacks before continuing north on CR 3-10, also known as Hogback Road. It is the main road running through Plush. The pavement will end after 5.5 miles. Drive another 5.5 miles to the intersection with CR 3-11 and turn right. Go 1/2 mile and turn left at the intersection with BLM 6155, which is marked by a decaying sign that once read SUNSTONE. Drive 7 miles and turn left at the intersection with BLM 6115, which is well marked by a sign pointing this way to the sunstone collection area.

FROM THE NORTH ON Hwy 395

When traveling from the north on Hwy 395, turn left on Hogback Rd at milepost 64. During dry weather with high clearance vehicles turn left after 7 miles on unmarked Nasty Flat Rd. Drive 7 1/4 miles, then turn right on BLM 6115. In wet weather or in low ground clearance vehicles, travel about 20 miles south on Hogback Rd, then left on CR 3-11. Then, left at the intersection with BLM 6155, and left again at the intersection with BLM 6115. Travel 5 miles to the mine.

The road into this area has been rough in the past. Norbert plans to originally camp in Lakeview, by Hwy 395, at Hunters RV Park, 541-947-4968. After he has checked out the road in his jeep he will decide if the road is feasible for RVs/trailers etc. Try calling Norbert the evening of the 12th.

In the afternoon collect at the Dust Devil mine, another pay site. You pay for what you take, although I understand that the owners are very reasonable. There is another site nearby, the Spectrum Sunstone mine, which is also a pay dig, but here you pay of for sunstone bearing ore, and keep what you find. Norbert will be investigating these sites, and can advise us on them when we arrive. I will camp at the Dust Devil Mine. There is also a state sponsored free collecting area The Sunstone Public Collecting Area, lower success rate, but free. You can also camp at this area.

WEDNESDAY JULY 14

In the morning collect more sunstones at one mine or another. In the afternoon drive to Glass Buttes. Camp at Glass Buttes, for the duration of the Glass Buttes collecting (famous for obsidian). Jimmy will rejoin the group at Glass Buttes. Here are the directions for the Glass Buttes camping area:

Go North on 395,

When 395 ends at Riley go West (left) that is Hwy 20,

Follow 20 West and turn left (South) at mile marker 77.5 (Between 77 and 78)

Follow dirt road South and Southeast then South again.

Distance to camp is 3 miles from Hwy 20, on the right, just before the small reservoir.

If the sites are taken continue to the reservoir and turn left. Go several 100 feet and you will see our alternate camping area.

From Madras or Prineville go South till you reach Hwy 20. Go left (East) on 20 past Brothers and Hampton to mile marker 77.5 and turn right. Follow above directions.

Dry camp. Could be a little muddy on the road if it has rained. Should be fine!

THURSDAY JULY 15

Collect Glass Buttes.

FRIDAY JULY 16

Collect Glass Buttes.

SATURDAY JULY 17

Collect Glass Buttes in the AM, then drive to Homedale Idaho. Camp at:

Riverside Park, (This is run by the city).

Directions: If you are going South on Hwy 95 turn West(right) on Hwy. 19 which is Idaho Ave. Go into Homedale about 4 blocks and turn North (right) on Main St. towards public pool, drive about 1/4 mile till you get to the Snake River and bare right. You will see camp site. Grass and gravel.

Camp Host Jeanne: Phone # (208)337-5617

10 sites

\$10.00 a night.

Electricity, water and dump station.

Bathrooms with, I think, showers.

If we tell the host in advance she will try to save us spots together.

SO...Everyone who thinks they will be camping please get a hold of me, so we can reserve. We will camp here for the duration of our time in Homedale.

It is important that we do this reservation quickly. Please let me know if you plan to join us at Riverside park.

In this area we have the good fortune to have some local guides. Don, Ilsa, and Barley (the dog) have graciously offered to lead us on 3 days of field trips. The current thought as to locations are: Graveyard Point (plume agate), Succor Creek (thunder eggs and picture jasper, and Haystack Butte (?).

SUNDAY JULY 18

Collect with Don and Ilsa, camp in Homedale.

MONDAY JULY 19

Collect with Don and Ilsa, camp in Homedale.

TUESDAY JULY 20

Collect with Don and Ilsa, camp in Homedale.

WEDNESDAY JULY 21

Drive to the Trilobite Jam, near Delta Utah. The trilobite jam is a trilobite digging extravaganza with 4 days of digging, as well as speakers, Sat night buffalo dinner etc. Camping is available on site. This is a fee dig. Details at www.trilobitejam.com.

THURSDAY JULY 22

Trilobite Jam

FRIDAY JULY 23

Trilobite Jam.

SATURDAY JULY 24

Trilobite Jam.

SUNDAY JULY 25

Trilobite Jam in the AM, drive to Parowan in the PM. For me motel in Parowan.

Camping info:

Vermillion Castle Campground

Parowan City Ranger Dist, Dixie NF, From Parowan go 5.5 mi southeast on UT 143., Parowan UT 84761, ☎435-477-3331

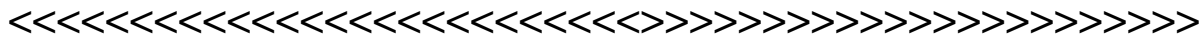
\$, 13 sites, 24ft rv limit, toilets, water, table, hike, fish, 9000ft elev, May-Sep

MONDAY JULY 26

Collect agate at Brianhead. Motel at Parowan for me.

TUESDAY JULY 27

Drive home. Possible stop at Holt Canyon for agate and jasper.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Glenn Benedict

What an incredible two days we had at our 2010 Annual Show! Working at the membership table both days, I had the pleasure of seeing nearly everyone’s face and hearing the “Oohs” and “Ahhs” as they first walked through the door. Below are some of the people who, thanks to everyone’s welcoming and energetic presence, came to me and said they would like to be part of the Searchers more than just once a year. With their inclusion our roster is now 285 people strong!

Please join me in welcoming our NEWEST MEMBERS!

Dawn Babonza
George Brogan
Gil Demoura
John Eyre
Lihui Liu
Mike McKnight
William Rhinehart
Laura Stephens

Tom Blair
Earl Butts
Lisa Demoura
Robert Goldthwaite
Donna McGeough
Rey Montoya
Betty Sanchez
Maureen Tiritilli

Bonnie Brogan
Vic Cook
Lori Engle
Patrick Kelly
Jim McGeough
Philicia Rhinehart
George Song
Terry Tiritilli

ANNUAL PICNIC

The Searcher's Annual Picnic will take place on Sun. August 15, 2010. It will be at Site #6 at Yorba Regional Park from 10:00 a.m. to ?. This picnic will be a "pot-luck." Club will supply the main dishes and everyone will bring a side dish; i.e. salads, chips, etc. We will start sign-ups at the June meeting.

A BIG THANKS... WHAT A SHOW!

At this particular time I would like to thank all those Seachers who chipped in and contributed to the presentation of the 2010 show. We increased our membership by 30 new members. As usual the Silent Auction was a big hit. Thanks to all those who contributed with their rocks and their time. Our displays cases were stunning. We had nineteen Dealers this year, which helped make our show a success. Our attendance was slightly down, but folks seem to stay longer and hopefully spent more money.

Once again thanks so much to each and every member, family and friend who gracefully supported our show.

Robert
2010 Show Chair

A ROCK IS A ROCK IS A ROCK

*To rockhound friends -- everywhere
by Terry Proctor, Houston Gem & Mineral Soc.
2009 3rd. place winner - AFMS Adult Poetry*

A rock is, well a rock, isn't it?
but that all depends, c'mon admit it.

At birth a part of the Universe

but eons later,
something quite diverse.

Once created as a
building block,
now some call it just a
lowly rock.

A chunk of Earth's early
creation
often now mixed with
variation.

Your rock may be a mineral piece,
or something commercial from a lease.
Fire born of an explosive eruption
or new formed, of old rock corruption.
A rock may be an amalgamation



from subduction or sublimation
of earlier rock with heat and time
or buried forever in some slime.

Many a person just strolling by
would see only stones, which there
lie,
missing the rock's intrinsic value
as a worthless thing, laying askew.

A rock may become a precious
stone
or you may find an ancient bone.
Perhaps the rock found is
something new

and now it will be named after you.
A rock is only rock, to some who see
but that's not the case, for you and me.
We collect, study, and cherish our find
then share it with others, of like mind.







For more pictures, thanks to Margaret Hogarth...

Hector_Road_5-8-2010

http://picasaweb.google.com/hogarth.m/Hector_Road_582010?feat=directlink

Searchers_Show_2010

http://picasaweb.google.com/hogarth.m/Searchers_Show_2010?feat=directlink

The Lapidarian

May 2010 Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society

**The Foundation of Pierce College Presents
ROCKATOMICS ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP
ROCKATOMICS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**

**FRIDAY thru SUNDAY
June 4th - June 6th 2010
9:00 am TO 5:00 pm
Gems, Jewelry, Tailgate Selling, Dealers
(Shop not to scale)**

**FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING**
Pierce College
Victory & Mason
Woodland Hills, CA

WWW.Rockatomics.org Email: Show@Rockatomics.org

See You There!!

**2010 AFMS/CFMS Gem Show
HIDDEN TREASURES**

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